

# VERMONT WATCHMAN AND STATE JOURNAL.

## Weekly News Summary.

Seward is soon to make a trip around the world.  
Gen. Burnside and family have sailed for Europe.  
Negro troops guard the Texas frontier against Indians.  
Pope Pius' protests against the infidelity dogma.  
Napoleon is 62 years old, and King William of Prussia 73.  
A youth of 85 won the champion belt at a recent dance in Georgia.  
China claims to have had life insurance companies 3000 years ago.  
Constantinople is about to establish a department on a modern basis.

Illinois is the largest wheat growing state in the country, Iowa ranking next.  
A ladies sanitary commission in aid of the Prussian army has been organized in Chicago.

The City of Boston owns ninety-seven houses, valued at \$35,000. They are in the public schools.

Garrison T. Tucker, ex-Surrogate of New York, has become an editor of *Brick Pavers & Democrats*.

A Philadelphia woman was recently indicted as a "common scold," and, wonder of all, relented, pleaded guilty.

The yacht race in New York, for the Queen's cup, came off on Monday. The first *Mugie* was the race.

The cost of running a steamer a round-trip between this country and Europe is said to be \$42,000 in greenbacks.

Not long ago somebody started a newspaper called "The Eye of Mississippi." That eye is now closed in death.

Montgomery Blair is looking for Congress. Who ever knew a Blair who didn't have the itch for some office?

Of the 15,000 children attending Boston public schools, nearly one-half are supplied with books at the expense of the city.

On a gatepost in front of a farm house West is a sign reading: "No life insurance or sewing machines wanted here."

Over a hundred persons have been struck dead in the streets of New York during the past two weeks—all by the heat.

Fisk has prohibited the sale of the *Telegraph* on his craft on account of a recent severe article on his management of Erie.

Captain-General Delobbes asks for 14,000 reinforcements for Cuba, which does not look as if the revolution were entirely dead.

The Oriental Powder Mill, near Graham, Me., exploded on Tuesday. Two workers were injured—fatally it is thought.

The Howard Tunnel's central shaft began several years ago, has just reached the grade, and tunneling has commenced each way downstream.

Mr. Crunker, vice-president of the Central Pacific, has just built, at Sacramento, the handsomest private residence in California.

Atmospheric brakes, by which a train can be stopped almost instantly, are now in operation on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad.

The paper fact-factory of Crane Brothers at Westfield, Mass., was burned Thursday morning with its contents. Loss, \$50,000, insured for \$13,000.

Near Harrisonville, Michigan, a 300 lbs. bear visited a gentleman's pigeon and carried off a 225 lbs. pumper. The bear was afterwards caught and killed.

A floating match for a bathing suit is the latest Long Branch sensation, the winner of which lay on his back in the water for three hours and forty minutes.

In Syracuse the other day a citizen copied one of Charles Dickens' mousters with the remark that he left a "mighty smart daughter—that Anna Dickinson."

Since Queen Victoria took her place on the English throne thirty-three years ago, every queen in Europe, from the least unto the greatest, has changed occupants.

The wealth represented by the guests at the Grand Union hotel, Saratoga, where A. T. Stewart and August Belmont are staying, is estimated at nearly \$300,000,000.

Of San Francisco's 150,000 inhabitants, 40,000, or nearly a quarter, are Germans, and the city has 25 German breweries, which produce annually 100,000 barrels of beer.

The peanut crop of Virginia, this year, is estimated at 400,000 bushels, while Tennessee rates 500,000 bushels, and Georgia and the Carolinas from 150,000 to 175,000.

No business for the present is being transacted at the Executive Mansion. Gen. Grant left Monday for Harrisburg, to meet the President and accompany him to St. Louis.

Of 622 murders committed in New York during the thirteen years ending with 1868, the perpetrators of 155, or one-quarter of the whole number, have never been discovered.

Prince Leopold, the cause of all this row, cares much more for science history and metaphysics than for the Spanish crown, and will return to his studies, thankful that he is out of it.

A young lady in Brooklyn, N. Y., has received a welcome present—a fan made in Paris at a cost of \$2,000 in gold. It is of tortoise shell, studded with tiny pearls and diamonds.

The English government are busy repairing all the cannon and shot from the fortifications at Quebec, and shipping them to England. One shipload has already been dispatched.

The act for the erection of a city hall in San Francisco provides that all contracts shall be upon the express condition that no Chinaman shall be employed in any capacity by the contractor.

A citizen of Poughkeepsie has bequeathed \$10,000 to endow a Professorship of Natural History in Vassar College, and 2,000 to purchase for that institution a collection of North American birds.

Judge Bedford has refused to discharge the Grand Jury, expecting that on any day their services may be needed to indict the murderer of Mr. Nathan. The rewards now reach the large sum of \$47,000.

Royal Postcard of North Brookfield, Massachusetts, a man over seventy years of age, is on his way to Australia to teach the Australians the art of making cheese in factories, as practiced in New England.

A woman of thirty-five has been found by a census-taker at Hartford, Conn., who has a family of twelve children, all alive and in good health. This is, indeed, an evidence that Connecticut is a land of steady habits.

A public-spirited citizen of Elmira, N. Y., is constructing at his own expense a beautiful park, with fountains, trout ponds, a pleasure lake, and other beautiful features, which he will throw open for the use of the public.

A newspaper philosopher says very truly, there are only two classes who really enjoy the watering-places—the very rich who have cottages of their own, and the very healthy who can sleep anywhere and digest anything.

"Be you good?" asked a bright little chap of Miss Bud, his Sabbath school teacher, the other day. "Oh, no," was the boy's coming reply. "You ain't? Well, I know you wasn't pretty, but I always thought you was good."

At a large meeting of Irishmen at St. Louis, Thursday night, a resolution was passed to petition Gen. Grant, on his arrival there, to pardon Gen. O'Neill and other Fenians now in prison for violating the neutrality laws.

The present Charles Dickens does not at all resemble his father, but is a quiet, reticent man, about thirty years old, with heavier features and rounder face than his father. He is an industrious worker, of excellent judgment and literary taste, and promises to be the trade—women's dress-making being a common occupation for men in Austria and Hungary.

## STATE MATTERS.

ADISON COUNTY.

Geo. W. Ware, Jr. A. M. of Boston, offers a prize medal, to be given to the graduate of Middlebury College whose oration on Commencement day shall be judged by a committee of award to be best in nature and delivery.—The butter market in Vergennes Saturday was quiet, owing to the warm weather. Butter was bought from 30 to 35 cents, and about 11,000 pounds were shipped. Eight thousand five hundred pounds were shipped from New Haven.—M. Joshua Locke of Ferrisburg, died on the 20th ult., in the 74th year of his age. He has been in the employ of the H. & R. B. Stone, since he first went into partnership.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

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